

Decatur Building

Mr. Sanguinett of a well-known firm of Fort Worth architects, consulted in Decatur with First National Bank officials with reference to plans for the handsome modern bank building to be erected on the southwest corner of the public square after the

The City National Bank will also overhaul and improve into a modern bank the interior and exterior of the building now being occupied. One of the features of the improvement contemplated is the building of a skylight in the roof over what is now the W. O. W. lodge hall. The lodge hall will be done away with.

The Bewley Mills are nearing the stage of improvement when the tanks constituting the grain elevators will be set. A force of twenty men has been employed on the Bewley Mills project for several weeks.

The Tennessee Dairies, Incorporated, Dallas, are getting ready to erect a modern milk station on their lot on East Walnut Street.

Metzger Brothers, Dallas are said to have decided to put a milk shipping station at Decatur.

Reports are that Shaw Brothers, ice manufacturers of Fort Worth, will erect a large ice storage warehouse on a lot on the railroad reservation. An agent has been here to investigate.

The Helm-Dillehay warehouse will be converted into an up-to-date armory, for the local artillery if the troops can be maintained in Decatur.

The Wise County Electric Company is engaged in building a high line to Boyd to supply that community with power.

Work of gravelling the Meridian highway started last week at Montague county line.

E. L. Brandenburg has completed all improvements and opened a beautiful sanitary grocery store on the northwest corner of the square.

W. M. Sanders of the former firm of Sanders & Ingram, contemplates opening a modern optical shop in Decatur.

Dr. T. G. Rogers is rapidly completing all improvements toward the opening of a commodious sanitarium on southwest corner of the square. In fact, improvements have proceeded so far that patients are already being received.

Arrangements for financing of a farm boys' and girls' pure-bred calf club have been perfected thru the local banks.

H. L. Jones is completing a nice residence on South Trinity Street.

Dr. J. L. Ward has the plans drawn for the building of a nice home on his lot on South Trinity.

The Methodist church is on the eve of spending several hundred dollars on the interior of the church.

Property owners on College Avenue, south side of the high school, have a project in mind of building sidewalks and surfacing the street.

Traveling salesmen bring the news to Decatur that in the event the county votes a road bond issue, warehouses and headquarters will be established at Decatur for the better distribution of supplies in this section of the country.

As the provisions of the proposed county road bond issue plan, in so far as they have been completed, are better understood and explained, people are being won over to advocacy of the issue. The committee has not completed its plan and will have another session shortly.

A home building and loan association for Decatur seems to be an assured project since the matter was explained by the Bryan secretary.

There are no vacant stores or homes in Decatur.

The Civic League has called for a general clean-up of the town March 17th to 18th. Everybody ought to respond.

Build your home in Decatur, the town with the safest outlook in this section of Texas today.

The amount of land terracing that has been done this fall exceeds any quantity heretofore accomplished.

Since January 1st, Decatur has held a two day poultry school, a poultry day, a big day of entertainment, a chamber of commerce rally, and has launched a road building campaign.

The Home and School Club has made arrangements to plant trees on the high school lot.

Cow-testing and organization of another sire circle are the next steps in the dairy march of progress.

Decatur's Hotel Greathouse is insufficient in accommodations to convenience the big business that is occurring. Mr. Jones, the host, states that the hotel should have been built of larger capacity. People are being turned away nightly for the want of rooming capacity.

CATES SAYS WISE SUPERIOR COUNTY

Cliff D. Cates, who was down in the Austin country this week: "South Central Texas was a morass of mud and water. Those little towns down in that flat black land country reflected a dejected appearance. It made one glad he lived in a high, dry, rolling and beautiful altitude. Decatur, beyond all questioning, occupies a place of pre-eminence as the natural location for a town site. If we could ever perk up on city pride, keep the town spick and span, clean up and paint up the premises and build up the streets and walks and curbs and gutters, we would achieve a pulling force that would work perennially and automatically for the growth of the town. Something is wrong with that great rich agricultural country stretching thru North Texas. The towns don't reflect the enterprise they should with such a rich background behind them. The farms don't show it, nor the farm homes. Certainly it must be single crop farming that is at fault. All the eggs are in one basket and all the eggs are cotton. Cotton farming goes up and down too often to stand as the most economical fortification of business enterprise. And it is difficult for them to change the course, too. Their land is too high in value and there is insufficient pasture for the encouragement of the cash special lines of farming we are leading out on in our own community. We have a wonderful special opportunity here in Wise county. The farms are small but under intensification of farming, with all farms terraced, with the details of the new kinds of farming, dairying, poultry raising, hog raising and fruit and vegetable production, together with the art of raising cotton in the presence of the boll weevil, with all these things understood and mastered by our farmers and with the convenience of ultimate smooth hard roads and the close accessibility of the markets already secured—the future of our immediate section is far and away more promising than that of the boasted rich black land region where cotton fails often and carries the country to low levels of business prosperity."

hands of the voters of this precinct. He will appreciate your vote and influence. His many friends claim the voters will make no mistake in selecting this man as public weigher.

Keep your eyes peeled, lips sealed, heart steeled.

Don't give up—Tut waited three thousand years for something to turn up.

"Buy it mined in Texas." Bridgeport Coal Company on Independent phone if you need lump coal.

Fire of incendiary origin large barn on the Gus several miles west of Tuesday night. A large shed and a threshing destroyed in the fire. Heavy, and only a small chance was carried.

If you are a member John right.

Children who take **SCOTT'S EMULSION** seldom have weak bones

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Decatur, Texas.

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Fat Stock Show

Finest Collection of Livestock in the Land

Fascinating Exhibits of

Southwestern Industry and Agriculture

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Spectacular Horse Show Nightly
(A Society Event)

Dog Show, Poultry Show, Rabbit Show

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REDUCED RATES ON ALL RAILROADS

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From all corners of the country will make you gasp with their daring horsemanship, bulldogging, steer riding and other thrilling events.

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Better mailing means improved postal service. It is the greatest of public utilities, reaching the most remote parts of the country and serving the greatest number of people. Its efficiency of operation is dependent in a great degree upon the close co-operation between postal workers and the public. A full and mutual understanding is essential.

We must know the needs of the public from a postal viewpoint in order to supply them. The public must have the widest knowledge of the postal service and requirements before it can extend its full co-operations. Better mailing will serve to promote this understanding.

Better mailing means better postal service. A close co-operation between the patrons and the postal employees means efficient service. Kindly give us this co-operation and we will do the rest.—Charles E. Bradford, Postmaster.

BRIDGEPORT NEWS (Index).

Mrs. George F. Boyd, who has been at the home of a son at Decatur under treatment of a specialist, has returned home much improved in her health.

W. H. Aston of Meadow, Virginia president of the Bridgeport Coal Company, is here again this week on business. The company's coal production is growing gradually, and the hope is indulged that this important industry may soon get on its feet again.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Mask were at Decatur Tuesday looking after store interests at that place. Mr. Mask was to have been in St. Louis markets this week buying a lot of new goods, but the serious illness of his father at Perrin has delayed the trip.

Mrs. R. W. Caldwell and mother, Mrs. T. F. Edgar, are in San Antonio this week, where the latter has had an operation to relieve an eye trouble that threatened an impairment of her vision. The operation is reported as successful, and the ladies are expected home within the next few days.

We regret to note that I. J. Hartsell, one of the community's oldest and best citizens, is reported quite ill at the home of a son, Oscar Hartsell, at Paradise. The old gentleman is well advanced in years, and the appearance of a bad liver trouble with complication gives his family and friends much uneasiness.

What's in a name? Many a family tree produces only nuts.

G. W. PHILLIPS ASKS PLACE AS WEIGHER

George W. Phillips, a citizen of this community for forty-three years, announces as a candidate for public weigher of precinct number one. Up until a few years ago, George lived south of Decatur, and is now a citizen of the community just north of town. He is well and favorably known to our people as a good, honest and industrious man, and splendidly qualified for the position he seeks at the



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Make this year your record year at poultry raising. Get a real brooder—the world famous Buckeye, either coal or oil-burning—the machine used by all the great agricultural colleges, experiment stations and poultry breeders.

An inferior or cheap brooder is just like pouring money down the sink. It costs much more than a Buckeye in the end, in lost chicks and lost profits.

The famous Buckeye "Colony" Brooder will bring every last healthy chick to full maturity. There is no chilling, no suffocation—none of the usual baby-chick ailments. Grows three chicks where one grew before. Write your own money-back guarantee. All sizes for coal, oil or gas. Come in, or telephone today

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RAISE EVERY RAISABLE CHICK

To the Patrons and Depositors of Security State Bank, Decatur, Texas:

—Circumstances over which we had no control, and attendant gossip incident thereto, have resulted in the liquidation of affairs of the Security State Bank, a home institution, officered and managed by home people.

—After mature consideration by our board of directors, it was deemed expedient that our best interests would be conserved by the selection of the First National Bank of Decatur as our liquidating agent.

—In commenting upon this arrangement with the First National, it is useless for us to commend them to you, as you all know them, as well as we, as being numbered among our strongest and most reliable institutions not only in this county, but in the great state of Texas.

—It is with regret that we chronicle our retirement from business activity in our little city, and in retiring from the field of battle, we are pleased to say in this connection that our regrets are tinged with pleasing memories of happy association, in business and otherwise, with some of the noblest, most stalwart and red-blooded customers that ever graced a banking institution.

—You have been good to us, and if at any time, anything has ever crept into your minds, by way of suggestion or otherwise, that has, within itself caused you to doubt our loyalty and appreciation for the business which you have so graciously bestowed upon us, we pray you dismiss it, and give us credit for the doubt, for we assure you as long as life lasts you hold a tender spot in our heart of hearts, and our everlasting good will.

—We commend to you the "Old Reliable" First National Bank as a safe haven for the depository of your funds, and in doing so we only take her record for the past forty years, wherein she has weathered financial blizzards, and still continuing in that sane and safe policy, inaugurated by the founders when organized.

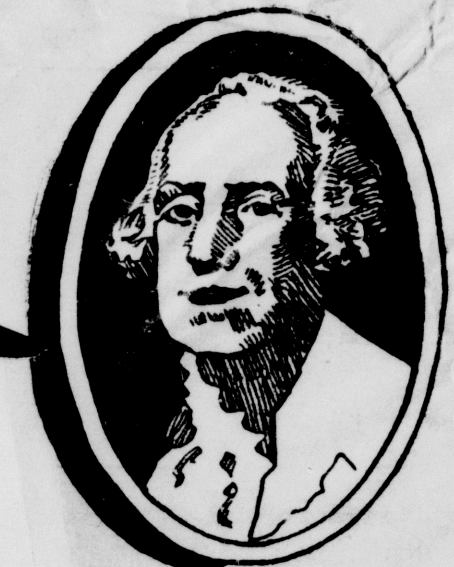
—With the very best of wishes for your continued prosperity and success—we remain,

Yours truly,
W. L. RUSH,
T. L. BALL.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- For State Senator:
ROY C. COFFEE.
WM. H. RICE
- For County Representative:
GRADY WOODRUFF
- For County Tax Assessor:
H. M. FOSTER.
LEE CLEMENT.
JAS. W. SMITH
G. M. D. MATHESON
W. D. BELEW
- For County Treasurer:
JOHN M. HARLAN
- For Sheriff:
W. M. WORKMAN
- For County Judge:
SAM M. WARD
- County Superintendent:
MRS. EFFIE PRICE.
- Commissioner, Precincts 1-6:
M. BOOTH.
HENRY WALKER
W. BRANDON
WILLIAMSON
- Commissioner, Precincts 4-5:
J. W. CUNNINGHAM.



Born 1732—Died 1799.

Who pays the freight in the Peddy-Mayfield contest?

By golly, we withdraw our charge that it was a tempest in a tea-pot.

You boys with the nigger-shooters and arguns: The law is watching.

Secretary Denby has announced his retirement from official circles in Washington.

Line up with the chamber of commerce. The organization needs your help, and you need the organization's help. Get in line.

If all the people were as solicitous about the welfare of the farmers as the candidates for office are, what a happy old world this would be.

Betty Compton, the film actress, announces that she is to be married in the fall. No mention is made of the number of times Bet may take the sacred vows between now and fall.

The girls of a Chicago school have positively refused to be vaccinated on their arms. They demand it be done on their legs, "where it won't show." And the Fort Worth Star-Telegram remarks, "Which, to a mere man, seems undue confidence in fashion makers."

We lift the following from columns of an exchange: "A fool there was who saved his rocks, even as you and I; but he took them out of the old strong box, when a salesman called with some wild-cat stocks, and the fool was stripped down to his socks even as you and I."

Just a few short months ago they told us that Clemenceau was down and out; that his people were thru with him for all time. Today's press reports state the gentleman stands a most excellent chance of being elected premier of France, to succeed Poincare.

McAdoo says he is in the fight to a finish.

An ex-banker in New York, while attending a banquet the other night in that city, became nasty in his talk and accused the late Warren G. Harding with accepting a bribe. Too bad, the ex-banker did not fill up on liquor and make these charges during the life of Harding.

"Is it dangerous for a Californian to motor thru any section of Fort Worth?" asks a native of the Golden West in a letter to a Fort Worth chamber of commerce official. No danger, whatever; provided, you do your motoring during day-light hours, keep on Main street and to the right, and stay within hailing distance of police stations thruout the journey.

It appears to be a dangerous occupation to hunt for liquor in certain ports and parts of the United States. In Washington the other day a good senator, while walking down Pennsylvania avenue, was shot in the neck by hunters of illicit whiskey, and cut in Coleman, in West Texas, three men were perforated with bullets while running down boot leggers.

It appears that Mr. Mellon of the treasury department should be asked about a few stunts he has put over on the bonus proposition. A checking up will disclose something that will smell obnoxious in Washington politics. Maybe, the opponents of the bonus have been "fed up" on loud smelling stuff, and are now ready to talk compromise with the boys who make this country safe for democracy.

R. R. Tribble of Aubrey, is considering entering the race for state senator, it has become known here. Should he enter, it would bring the entries in the race to four—Senator Rice and Representative Coffee of Wise, Representative Miller of Parker and the Denton county man. It is known that Representative Bob Cagle of Montague has been considering entering, but so far as is known here he has not come to any final decision in the matter. The district comprises Denton, Wise, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, and Jack counties.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Winfield Scott was one of the builders of Fort Worth. He was industrious, and when he crossed over the river he left a fortune, millions in gold and business property. The old gentleman also left a son, Winfield Jr. To this off-spring went two millions or more of the old man's earnings. When the young man was given possession of the money, he left school and hit the "white way" with a bang. A few days ago the Fort Worth police rounded up Winfield and a chum with two women. They were staging a party and over-stepping the bounds of decency. In a little time the son will put the father's savings in circulation.

A Dallas boy, a run-away, while roaming the streets of a town in Arizona, decided he would get back to mammy and daddy by the express route and, soliciting the aid of two companions, he supplied himself with several days' rations and crawled in a dry goods box and loaded on a fast passenger train as express. When on the road a day, the boy became frightened, as the box in which he was riding had been ended up by the baggage hustler in the car, and while standing on his head the young fellow had a thousand thoughts about mam and dad. He notified the expressman, and lasts reports say the boy is in jail in a West Texas town, awaiting word for the homefolks.

The farmers in this part of Wise county are beginning to recognize the fact that there is quick and sure money in dairying and many of them are adding a small bunch of cows to the farm. Dairying and poultry raising are industries that pay big and certain returns on capital and labor invested, and the time is soon coming when every farm home in the country will be stocked with a few head of good milk cows and a flock of pure-bred fowls. Dairy stations at Bridgeport, Paradise and Decatur pay out thousands of dollars monthly to milk producers in their vicinity, and it is a noticeable fact that money is not so scarce and times so hard with the people in those communities as it used to be. They enjoy a much greater amount of prosperity now than they did before dairying and poultry raising were introduced into their territory.—Bridgeport Index.

Texas.

What will you have?
A home on rolling prairie,
Where crops and seasons vary?
Or will you choose where pine trees grow,
Or cotton marches, row on row?
We have it all—in Texas.

What will you have?
A balmy, semi-tropic clime,
Where flowers blossom all the time,
And oranges and grape-fruit thrive,
And one is glad to be alive?
We have that too—in Texas.

What will you have?
A home upon the beach,
Where sea-weeds wash and bleach?
Or does it take a city street
To make for you a life complete?
We have it all—in Texas.

What will you have?
Is it oil you seek?
We're drilling new wells every week
Or would you build a factory great?
This is the place, don't hesitate,
But come—the place is Texas.

What will you have?
We offer mountain life or plain,
Irrigation ditch or rain;
We offer crops from rice to cotton,
Oh, there was nothing good forgotten
When Nature planned our Texas!

Mark Creates Stir.

Mark Marshall's friends here were stirred up last week when they read in the Wise County Messenger that he would probably move from Chico to Decatur. When approached about the matter, Mark was indignant and said things that were not in his Sunday school lesson. The idea of a man leaving a town like Chico and going to a place like Decatur is the limit. Mark said he would never think of such an absurd idea.—Chico Review.

"Said things that were not in his Sunday school lesson." When Mark moves to Decatur he will say things that are in his Sunday school lesson—and he is coming. Unless, he is estopped from visiting this sublime burg. Why, man, Mark Marshall is not different from other princely patriots who come and behold the grand conditions extant here. He came, he saw, and he fell for the peace, plenty and happiness that abounds. Mark spoofed the Chico party who approached him "about the matter."

Is He Happy?

Dishonest wealth brings no happiness—and even merited wealth (of itself) brings little. Pleasure? Yes, we're talking of happiness. Seventy-two millionaires committed suicide in 1922, but nobody knows how many others did so unintentionally, as a direct result of doing the things their great wealth made possible. The honesty of their riches is not here questioned, but the figures are sufficient evidence that money is but a small part of what life is made up of.

Why are we here? Not that we may accumulate wealth. Otherwise, the world would have ended long ago. For certainly the Creator would not allow so many to fail to achieve what some men make their chief end. Let the suicides have the money—and we will seek understanding, love and happiness.

"The state should live within its income," thunders a candidate for governor. True as gospel, Old Top, but why not carry your advice to the fellows who are at the helm of operations down at Austin. This is old stuff to the people who pay the expenses.

Practical Nurse Tells

Mrs. N. E. Snow, of Route 1, near Paris, Tenn., tells the story of her experience as follows:

"I am 62 years old and I have been a practical nurse for more than 20 years, taking mostly maternity cases. One of my daughters suffered from cramping at . . . She would just bend double and have to go to bed."

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

was recommended to her and she only had to take about two bottles, when she hardly knew that it was . . . she suffered so little pain.

"My youngest daughter was run-down, weak and nervous, and looked like she didn't have a bit of blood left—just a walking skeleton, no appetite and tired all the time. I gave her two bottles of Cardui. It built her up and she began eating and soon gained in weight and has been so well since."

Cardui, the Woman's Tonic, has helped suffering women for over forty years. Try it. At all druggists. 2-100

20 YEARS AGO
File, February 19, 1904.

Cody Milligan was over Monday from Greenwood.

Nob Moore, the popular express agent, is taking the three degrees of Pythianism.

Messrs. John W. Hogg and A. D. Rogers are establishing a hog ranch on Catlett Creek.

Barnie Shoemaker will be assistant tax assessor from now on until the assessing is finished. He will work in the Oliver Creek country.

Drs. Simmons and Ingram have dissolved partnership and Dr. Ingram is fitting up an office up-stairs in the Waggoner building on the west side.

J. H. Cates shipped nine more crates of registered hogs Thursday. This makes about twenty crates he has shipped in the past two months.

Mrs. S. A. Lillard returned yesterday from a week's visit at Denton. She reports the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Will Terrell at Denton last week.

A message was received Thursday from Denton stating that Uncle Jerry Burnett, one of the oldest settlers on Denton creek, was very sick and not expected to live.

J. J. Perkins has purchased the city water works from E. H. Baumgaertner, paying \$8000 for them. He contemplates putting in a deep well, testing for artesian water.

As we go to press, we learn with regret that W. E. Best, a prominent farmer and land owner of the Greenwood country, died of pneumonia at Dallas on Wednesday night.

T. B. Yarbrough is trying the experiment of planting forest trees of some five or six years' growth. He sent to the bottoms this week and had brought in several elms of above age, which he will plant in his yard.

Professor C. Q. Barton will teach arithmetic and algebra in the summer session of the Texas Christian University at Waco. The school will be conducted on the normal plan and will continue seven weeks, beginning June 6th.

TH' OLE GROUCH

YESSIR, I'M GONNA HAVE THIS SPOTLIGHT PUT ON MY CAR AN' TH' NEXT GUY WHO PASSES ME AT NIGHT WITHOUT DIMMIN' HIS LIGHTS IS GONNA GET BLINDED GOOD AN' PLENTY!

FORTY YEARS AGO
File, February 22, 1884.

Amos Finch, county tax assessor, was in Alvord Wednesday.

William Zadik, merchant of Bowie, briefly took in Alvord on Monday.

The railroad company's land agent at this place has received orders to stop the sale of lots in Alvord at the present.

Commissioners' court ordered that G. B. Pickett be paid \$14.65 for wood and stationery; ordered that Gose & Perrin be paid \$4.90 balance on coffin; ordered that J. J. Terrell be paid \$5.00 for stationery furnished for district clerk's office; ordered that J. W. Cartwright be paid \$25 for medical attendance on Ralph Miller; ordered that A. Carr be paid \$2.40 for surveying done in Wise county.

It's a wise cork that knows its own pop.

Many a high flyer rides in a subway.

PHOOLISHNESS
—By M. Dash—

"Oh, well," said the customer, "I was just looking for a friend."

"I see," said the salesman. "Just wait; I have one more boiler and perhaps he is in there."

"How's this?" asked the lawyer. "You've named six bankers in your will to be pallbearers. Wouldn't you rather choose some friends with whom you are on better terms?"

"Is the baby strong?"

"Well, rather. You know the tremendous voice she has?"

"Yes."

"Well she lifts that five or six times an hour."

"Bill," said a sailor, looking up from his writing, "do you spell 'sense' with a 'c' or an 's'?"

"That depends," replied his friend, "Do you refer to brains or money?"

"Aw, I don't mean either of them," was the reply. "What I want to say is, 'I ain't seen him since.'"

An attractive young woman entered a St. Louis hardware store, bought some goods and presented a check. She was referred to the manager, who asked her if she had anything for identification. She said she had a mole on her back but she'd be darned if she was going to show it to him.

"Maude says her husband disgraced her on their honeymoon."

"How?"

"On the steamer she wanted to make the other passengers think an ocean trip was an old story to them, but almost as soon as they went on board he pointed to a row of life-buoys and asked captain what was the idea of all the extra tires."

A salesman who had been complaining about his small territory, came out of the sales manager's office with a puzzled look on his face.

"Well," said one of the boys, "did you tell the old man if you didn't get more territory you'd quit?"

"Yes, I did," replied the salesman

"And what did he say?"

"He said, 'I haven't time to sing to you, but you'll find the firm's answer in the second line of "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here!"'

"The Way to A Man's Heart"

—“The way to a man's heart,” the old adage says, “is thru his stomach!” And the wide variety of quality groceries that we can offer you from which to make up your home menu is one of the little things that makes for domestic happiness. Wise house-wives trade here.

We Welcome 30-Day Trade from all who pay their bills promptly the first of the month

—We handle none but pure, fresh groceries. Our greatest pleasure is to please our customers. We deliver anywhere in the city limits.

A Pleased Customer is Our Motto

J. A. PARR

Buttrill Old Stand— — North Side Square

DE MOLAYS OF TOWN BANQUET

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composed of Jonnie Mae Stone, Jessie Lee Stone, T. J. Dillehay and J. I. McDaniel, gave several fine numbers, lending more "pep" to the evening. Miss Jackie Gose gave two readings that were greatly appreciated. She was followed by three selections by the Headache Quartet, composed of Leslie, Faust and Roger Nobles and Willard Jones. Faust Nobles favored the audience with one humorous and one sad speech, which proved a hit of the social affair.

After several other selections by the orchestra, the visiting boys made their departure. All were unanimous in their praise of Decatur's boys and girls and the hospitality shown them.

De Molays present at the banquet and reception were: M. I. Koppel, M. C. Baugh, Norman Finney, Robert Wilson, Horace Miller, Eaver Cabell, Frank Bompant, W. C. Grant, John D. Harvey and G. Mitchell Deane of Dallas; A. F. Weldon, E. M. Dillard, Edward Key, R. B. Ritchey, E. C. Wallace, Ralph E. Landor, Gregg Simmons, A. S. Thorman, John Moore Ashburn, D. U. Fox, John Neale, Jay Odell, Willis L. Smith, Emory January, Hardy Franklin, W. E. Blewett, Fritz Humphries, J. Emory Barton, J. A. Anderson, H. B. London, Ivan P. Oliver, Olvin L. Kelsay, Taylor Cash, Jack Nichols, A. O. Calhoun and Edgar Fain of Denton; Horace Bingham, Paul Hawkins, Lloyd Green, Hoyt Hudson, Sam Cresser and Guy Brown of Bridgeport; Graham Scuddy of Port Arthur; Welton Pulp, W. U. Abel, Willie Fulp and George A. Zorns of Boyd; Daniel Walker and Grier Dickey of Alvord; John Mose Sims of Moody; Messrs. Slitter, Penix, Wright, Johnson and Fowler from Graham; Alvin and Gilbert Alland, Gordon Ash, Everett Ashton, Eugene Ball, J. P. Boyd, Buren Bradford, Howard Brown, Foy W. Byrd, Hale Cates, John Clements, Clarence Ford, Walter Harding, Embury Hoyl, Carter Hughes, Willard Jones, Austin Jones, Frank Killough, Charles Maiden, Tom Rush, Reuben Moore, Faust Nobles, Volus Norsworthy, Judson Petty, Jim Smith, Oswald Scott, Robert Braz, Joe Brown, Weldon Renshaw, John Short, Milton Wallis, B. W. Cooper, D. B. Martin, Hugh McClung, Daniel Walker, William Smith, Moody Wilhite, Arnold Ferguson, John Ford, F. T. Freeman, Ralph Hoyl, J. I. McDaniel, Roger Nobles, Homer L. Wallace, Floyd Rowan, E. B. Melton and Elisha Byard of Decatur.

The following ladies attended the banquet and social: Misses Jackie Gose, Artie Mae Floyd, Helen Hoyl, Flossie Montgomery, Thelma Petty, Linnie Blewett, Alfreda Shoemaker, Hazel Hoyl, Alice Mae Gill, Gerlie Petty, Iris Brown, Eula Mae Watts, Zoa Baits, Naomi Mann, Bell Ford, Mary Frances Gill, Katherine Burch, Fannie Pearl Askey, Jennie Lee Ham-bright, Elizabeth Ward, Lee Askey, Frances Jennings, Olivine Collins, Mary Elizabeth Lillard, Ada Askey, Ola Mae Wright, Frankie Lee Crow-ley, Blanche Walker, Eva Jo Greer, Eula Mae Renshaw, Buna Robertson, Zenobia McFarlin, Jewel Moore, Ruth Watson, Sarah Mabel Elder, Pauline Morrow, Allie Almarhede, Thelma Taylor, Lola Mae New, Clyde Griffith, Margarie McCracken, Hazel Shults, Ruth Hoyl, Jessie McCracken, Annie Lee Burns, Blanche McCracken, Ida Pearl Gill, Maurine Gill, Hortense Robertson, Lorene Puckett, Margaret Bell, Jane Hoyl, Beatrice Preston, Sallie Hart, Mary Preston, Jimmie Dickson, Vera Spearman, Eula Nell Calhoun, Eula Griffith, Lucille Hart, Mary Bigham and Lady Bess Prunty.

TREES NEAR LAKE BEING DESTROYED

Report reached the city yesterday afternoon that wood cutters were cutting out a number of the big trees near the city lake, and the matter has been reported to Mayor J. E. Douglass.

If the trees in the vicinity of the lake are cut, camping sites will be worthless, state a number of citizens who are intending to enjoy camp life at the lake during summer months. It is said that a number of the largest trees on the south side of the lake have been destroyed.

W. D. BELEW WILL RUN FOR ASSESSOR

W. D. Belew, a long time citizen of Wise county, announces this week as a candidate for tax assessor of Wise county. Before moving into the Chico community, where he has resided for the past three years, Mr. Belew lived in the Muse neighborhood, south of Decatur. He has been a farmer all his life, and is at present engaged in that occupation. He is a good, hard working, industrious man, and his record in Wise county is open to all the people.

Well qualified for the office he seeks, and promising to give the people of Wise county his best efforts in performing the duties of the office should they see proper to elect him, he asks the vote and support of the voters.

COFFEE FAVORING ELIMINATION RACE

Honorable Roy C. Coffee, candidate for state senator, requests that the Messenger publish the following communication:

Honorable W. H. Rice, Decatur, Texas. My dear Mr. Rice—Inasmuch as we are both candidates for the state senate from Wise county to represent the new senatorial district I therefore propose that we submit our candidacy to the voters of this county to decide who shall make the race against any candidate or candidates who may enter the field; or if it should be suitable to you, I am willing to submit our candidacy to the voters of our home town precincts of Paradise and Decatur. I will further agree that in the event you are the choice of the voters, I will support you in the campaign.

I make this offer in the spirit of friendship and because I feel that it is fair to all parties concerned. I am,

Most cordially yours,
ROY C. COFFEE.

TAX RATE IN WISE COUNTY LOWERED

By reason of strict economy during the past year, the commissioners' court of Wise county will be able to fix the tax rate at sixty-seven cents for the county ad valorem tax for the year 1924.

The county ad valorem tax for the past three years has been seventy-five cents on the hundred dollar valuation. This is a small reduction as a unit, but it means a saving to the tax-payers of the county a total of eleven thousand dollars or more.

The county is now, and has been for the past year, on a cash basis, and the reduction will not effect that in any way, nor will it lessen the activities of the work to be done by the county thru its commissioners. All obligations, outside of outstanding bonds, have been paid, and interest due on the outstanding bonds has been paid. If we make as good or better crops this year as we did last year, and the tax-payers are able to meet their taxes, another reduction may be permissible for the next year.

This is indeed an encouragement, for it shows that the county is on a sound footing financially.

SKYGAK RETRACKS STATEMENT IN AD

Messenger Editor:—Some time ago we took advantage of your liberal advertising rates and inserted an ad in the classified department. In this ad we set forth, in glowing terms, some of the many things we were prepared to do for anyone in need of our services. In our enthusiasm we went so far as to say we were prepared to do anything from "milking the cow to minding the baby." We wish now to amend this last clause, because of an experience that befell us one night last week.

On the night in question our phone rang about ten o'clock and some one asked us to come and mind the baby for an hour or two. When we arrived at the designated place, we found no one at home, but thought nothing of it, as most people who have called us to tend their babies frequently go on to the show, leaving the baby alone, secure in the knowledge that we will soon be there and everything will be o. k. We had no sooner entered the house than our attention was called to a squirming bundle on the bed. We immediately took the bundle in our arms and sang to it a few bars of "The Blue Tail Fly," at the same time juggling it on our knee. This didn't seem to have any effect on the bundle, as it kept on kicking and squealing. We next laid it across our knee, patted its little tummy and chuckled it under the chin. This only seemed to make matters worse, and finally, in our desperation, we grew angry, turned the bundle over and gave it a good spanking. Imagine our surprise when the bundle spoke up and said: "See here, you long legged hair mattress, mind out who you are spanking." At these words we were horror stricken, and on closer examination we were dumfounded to find the supposed baby was nothing more than an old maid who had disguised as a baby in order to get some one to cuddle her and make a fuss over her. You may rest assured that when we made this astounding discovery we dropped the bundle and ran home with all our might.

After calm consideration and cool deliberation, we have reached the conclusion that for obvious reasons we will be compelled—as much as we may regret to do so—to draw a line on babies. From this day forth we will assume charge of no baby over eighteen years of age, nor any that is too young to be pacified with a bottle or pipe.—Skygak.

Who Wants Fine Player Piano at a Bargain.

We have a beautiful new player piano, genuine satin finish mahogany case with bench and collection of late rolls. Also, one splendid upright piano, nearly like new, with nice stool and scarf to match.

We will dispose of either of these lovely instruments at a bargain, and on reasonable terms if desired.

Address at once—Brook Mays & Company, the Reliable Piano House, 1107 Houston Street, Fort Worth, Texas. (Feb 22-Mar 14)

CITIZENS GREET TOWN BUILDER

(concluded from page one.)

prising community. And the speaker put forth many good and encouraging words in behalf of the community toward whose advancement he works.

Mr. Eberstadt performed a good work for Decatur that is heartily appreciated. He came here as the complimentary expression of the regard of one good town for another, Bryan, for Decatur. Nothing was charged the community above the actual expense of the trip, and the reward is ours and is to be highly esteemed by all our people.

STOCK SHOW WILL BE ONE OF BIGGEST

Concerts will be given by the Texas Agricultural & Mechanical College's sixty-five piece band on each day and night during the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, March 8th to 15th, at Fort Worth.

The band, one of the best musical institutions in the south, is making its third annual visit to the exposition. With the members dressed in costumes appropriate to the pageant, the band will present musical novelties at the pageant on Saturday night, March 8th. The pageant includes the coronation of the queen, whose identity will not be revealed until she makes her appearance in the opening event of the stock show.

Band concerts will be given by the Aggie musicians on the exposition grounds and inside the coliseum. Five other bands and orchestras and probably more will be heard at different events of the show.

Never before has the rodeo or the stock show found such a large number of entries of cow boys and cow girls, according to Secretary-Manager Ed R. Henry. Among latest entries are Leonard Stroud, world champion trix rider and Mamie Stroud. The Strouds have not been here in several years. Eddie McCarty's string of bucking broncos from Chug Water, Wyoming, will soon arrive here. McCarty, with a group of Wyoming cow boys and cow girls, will come to the show in a special Pullman car. Wild horses for the wild horse races, an event which has been placed on the program or the first time in several years, already have arrived from a South Texas ranch.

Railroads thruout the state have posted notices of the special round trip railroad rates.

TAKING SURVEY OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

In last week's paper there was a mistake in the report of school tax elections. Out of the twenty districts that have voted, only two have failed to carry. Brumlow voted for the tax with a small majority.

J. L. Tennant of the state education survey commission was in Wise county last week, directing the survey of school buildings. Mrs. Effie Price will continue the survey. All schools in commissioner's precinct one will be visited.

The next teachers' examination will be held April 4th and 5th. Those wishing to take this examination must register in the county superintendent's office not later than March 20th, Mrs. Price announces.

FREE A Big Dollar Jar

FELICE COLD CREAM FREE with every purchase of a dollar box of

Poudre FELICE de Corday

The Great French Creation

While Poudre Felice is deservedly renowned for its exquisite bouquet, its dainty tint and its supreme texture, its greatest distinction and over-shadowing supremacy lies in its unequalled affinity for the skin. It STAYS ON—under all conditions—resisting successfully sun, wind and perspiration; yet, without, it adheres without conspicuousity, imparting in a natural and almost imperceptible manner, a youthful freshness and softness to the complexion.

\$2.00 Value for \$1.00

Felice Cold Cream, a dollar jar of which you get FREE on this special sale, has been christened the "Matchless Cosmetic" by thousands of charming and discriminating women, because of its unparalleled virtue in improving the complexion. Nothing equals it. Being a single purpose cream—not a multi-purpose one—it's sole function is to cleanse the skin, freeing it of all impurities, and it does its work WELL—better than any other product of its kind. We want everyone of our women customers to have a jar of this marvelous cream—but don't wait until the supply is exhausted; come in today!

For sale by EMPIRE DRUG COMPANY

FARMER DESIRING TO PROTECT BIRDS

"Help save the birds!" is the plea as never before, and especially from the farmer. We have just awakened ourselves to the fact of what has happened to our friend—the bird—who works for us day by day free of charge. And we, the parents and grown-ups, who should have protected our birds, stood ungratefully by and watched our boys and all others who cared to shoot and maim them do so, and just for the sport for the moment, or the small morsel of food they furnished—and to our shame and sorrow, our birds are most gone and the boll weevils have taken their places.

Let's quit killing our birds and protect and encourage them coming and living near us. Post your land and protect the small covey of quail that will raise on your premises this summer. If you do not, the fall hunter will be out the first day of open season and will not leave until he has killed your last bird. He never stops to give it a thought of what the bird meant to you in the way of destroying insects.

We are asking the schools to give the noon hour to making bird houses for all kinds of birds that nest in them. Martins take their food solely in the air, destroying thousands of poisonous mosquitoes. Provide for him a home that he may raise his family in your back yard.

Guard well the pair of mockers that come to you, for they are great weevil eaters, and forbid that anyone makes target of the meadow lark, the chattering scissor tail or cooing dove. The blue bird needs a home for her babies, most any kind of box will do, provided you help her keep the English sparrows fought away. The English sparrow is the greatest enemy of our native birds and should be fought.

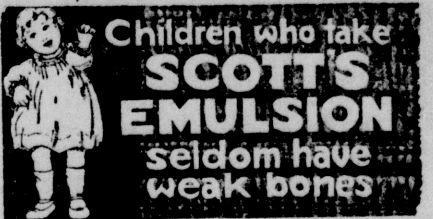
Hoping each school and farmer heeds this appeal, I am, yours, in the interest of the birds.—A. Farmer.

"A bishop was traveling in the south. At dinner in a Virginia hotel he was waited on by a very pretty waitress. Looking up at her from his menu, the bishop said: 'How's the chicken?'"

"The girl laughed good-naturedly and said: 'O I'm all right, 'How's yourself?'"

Take a tip from Adam. When he was accused of looking shabby, he turned over a new leaf.

Denton.—Fire of incendiary origin destroyed a large barn on the Gus Monsche farm several miles west of Denton late Tuesday night. A large quantity of feed and a threshing machine were destroyed in the fire. The loss was heavy, and only a small amount of insurance was carried.



THE SEXTET Local Mutual Aid Ass'n.

DECATUR, TEXAS.

When Association is Full—

The largest amount of protection on one policy in this association is \$5,250.

The greatest amount that you could collect (and still be alive) on one of these policies is \$3,750.

A death by accidental means only will bring you \$3,000.

Total disabilities, \$1,500.

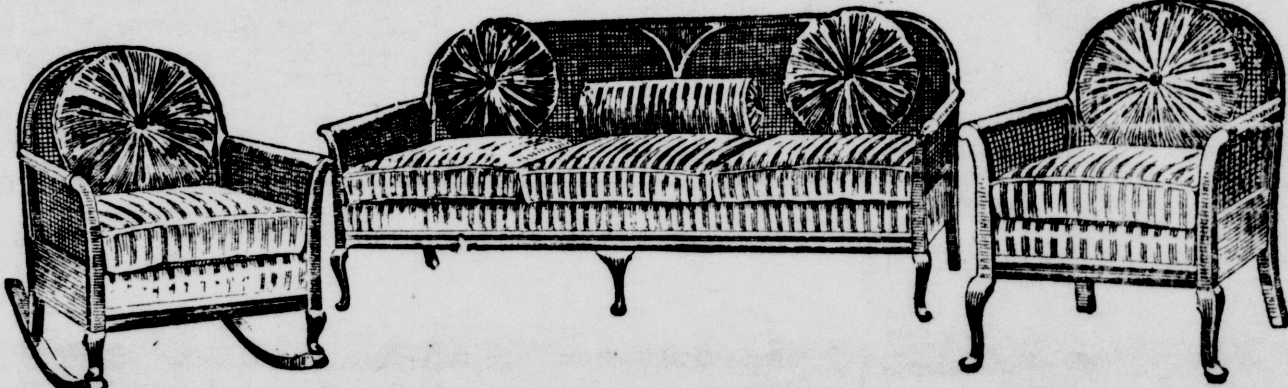
Death from any cause, \$1,500.

The loss of a hand to the wrist, foot to the ankle, or the total loss of an eye, or for each and every one of these, will net you \$750.

Our Membership is Growing Rapidly. Join This Association Today While You Are in Good Health and Can Get in!

Membership fee is now only \$2.50, which will be raised in the near future.

J. C. C. Gunn, Sec'y
Decatur, Texas.



The Spring Season Is Opening!

—And with the opening of spring comes planning for remodeling and toning up the home—a new living room suite, bed room suite, dining room suite, lawn and porch furniture, new rugs, window shades, draperies or just an odd piece of furniture to fill a vacancy and to cheer up the home.

—The utmost aim of our store is to maintain the high quality of furniture at the lowest possible prices. Having only the newest designs and finest workmanship, we are always striving to give real dollar value for dollar received—service and satisfaction.

—Come in and see our new living room suites and complete line of floor coverings.

Man & Christian

—FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING—

Masonic Building : : : Decatur, Texas

Society - - Clubs - - Parties

FLOSSIE MONTGOMERY, Reporter

PHONE IT IN.—When you have guests, socials, parties or picnics, we would appreciate your phoning us that we may tell your friends. Social items and personals are always welcome. S. W. 50. Ind. 45

Decatur Civic League.

The executive committee of the Civic League of Decatur met in the offices of the home demonstrator, Miss Caroline Chambers, on Tuesday, February 19th, to discuss plans for the on-coming "clean-up campaign."

Every citizen is urged to begin immediately cleaning up his or her yards and vacant lots and placing the rubbish in convenient places for hauling off on Thursday and Friday, March 20th and 21st, which have been set aside for clean-up days. The trucks will call on those days. The rubbish, tin cans, etc. should be kept in convenient receptacles, where they can be plainly seen and easily reached by trucks or wagons. They will be hauled away every month.

Three five dollar prizes will be given away in May: One for the most beautiful yard; one for the cleanest premises; and one for the cleanest district.

The town has been divided into three districts: Mrs. Carl Christian is chairman of district one; Mrs. B. R. Floyd chairman of district two; and Mrs. C. C. Henderson chairman of district three. If you have any suggestions or complaints to make phone your chairman.

A committee will visit the alleys behind the stores each month. The merchants are urged to keep back alleys clean. All who have chickens are requested to keep them up so that your neighbors' flowers, garden plant, etc. may grow unmolested. All old wells and unused pits should be immediately filled.

The ladies of the town are urged to meet at the chamber of commerce hall on Friday afternoon, March 7th, at three o'clock, to discuss plans for making the town beautiful.

Benefit Playlet.

"The Southern Cinderella," a play, will be given by the expression class of Miss Vallie Blankenship in the high school auditorium on Tuesday, February 26th, at seven forty-five o'clock p. m.

A small admission fee will be charged, proceeds of which will be used by the Home and School Club of Decatur for more school ground equipment and for beautifying the grounds of Decatur schools.

Farewell Party.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Breedlove was thrown open on last Thursday evening at eight o'clock, when the ladies of the First Christian church gave a party, honoring Mrs. Dave Milton, who left Friday to join her husband in Moran.

Music, reading and diversions filled the evening, after which delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Milton was presented with a beautiful piece of Madeira linen, as a token of the high esteem in which she was held.

Those in attendance were: Meses Dave Milton, R. J. Lindley, J. I. McDaniel, A. Devereux, L. Ferguson, Dave Breedlove, C. Griner, D. M. Turner, Ben F. Grubbs, C. W. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Thurmond, D. H. Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Breedlove and Ira Maley.

Baptist W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church met Monday, February 18th, at the church with all circles present. It was the regular monthly missionary meeting, the subject of the program being "Cuba and the Canal Zone."

The room was attractively decorated with palms and bananas, carrying out the thoughts to be presented. Mrs. Carl Christian was leader.

After a short devotional meeting, the Bible lesson was read by Mrs. H. L. Ward. This was followed by the following program: "Spiritual Awakening in Cuba" by Mrs. Mary Clark; "Baptist Growth in Cuba" by Mrs. Tom Dunn; "Work in Cuba" by Mrs. Bryson Williamson; "Baptist and the Canal Zone" by Mrs. C. K. Wilkerson.

At the conclusion of the program, a very interesting letter from Miss Louella Bell, sister of Pastor R. E. Bell, was read, which told of some of her experiences with the people of Cuba. Miss Bell is now a missionary on the island.

Members of the Sunbeam Band then gave a pageant, representing the different nationalities in Cuba. The Sunbeams were Grace and Joy Bell, Freda and Fay Reeves, Mary Neal Freeman, Irene Wilkerson, Adrian Gregg, A. D. Reeves and Irwin Reed.

Bananas were served at the conclusion of the meeting to all the members and visitors.

W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. met at the First Methodist church Friday evening at three o'clock, with twenty-three members present.

After a short business session, with the president, Mrs. D. Y. Lunn, presiding, Mrs. H. L. Jones gave a resume of Frances E. Willard's life. The meeting was in commemoration of the anniversary of Miss Frances E. Willard, which was on Sunday, February 17th, she being the founder of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. After this interesting talk, the ladies were entertained for a few minutes with two vocal selections by Willard Jones, namesake of this great woman.

Those who attended the meeting were: Meses, D. Y. Lunn, J. G. Gose, P. M. Curry, T. J. Elder, H. L. Jones, W. W. Williams, Fred Freeman, J. G. Province, Tom Mann, W. S. Gilbert, T. J. McMurray, C. B. Gunn, J. R. Wages, Bruce Bulgare, Joe Rogers, Lute Renshaw, S. J. Madden, Andrew Mann, S. F. Watkins, G. S. Blewett, Mary Clark, John Christian and S. C. Morrell.

Baptist Circle Dates.

Mrs. Fred Freeman, chairman of Baptist Woman's Missionary Union at Decatur First Baptist church, gives the following schedule of meetings of the six circles. All meetings will be held next Monday, February 25th. Circle one will meet with Mrs. B. F. Roe at two-thirty o'clock; circle two with Mrs. A. L. Gregg at two o'clock; circle three with Mrs. J. V. Patterson at three o'clock; circle four with Mrs. Sam Williams at two o'clock; circle five with Mrs. J. A. Simmons at three o'clock; circle six with Mrs. Jim Holt at three o'clock.

All the circles will hold mission study lessons from their manuals on home missions.

Home and School Club.

The Home and School Club will meet at the high school auditorium next Tuesday afternoon, February 26th, at four o'clock. All members and others interested in the up-building of our local schools are urged to be present. Citizens of this town should take more interest in the welfare of their children, and they are given a chance to do so in this progressive club. It is carrying on in a highly successful manner the work which it is attempting—the making of better home and schools.

Planning Pageant.

Ladies of the Baptist Missionary Society will present a pageant of christian liberty—"The Striking of America's Hour"—on Friday night, March 21st.

The story to be carried out in the pageant follows: "Egypt, Babylon, Greece and Rome appear before the spirit of brotherhood, justice and liberty, are weighed in the balance and are found wanting, because they did not send out the true light to lighten the world. America is then summoned. Before her come the Indian, the pioneer, the negro and the immigrant, each begging for freedom and light. A group of child laborers appear with an appeal for freedom. A group of foreigners come with their appeal. America is warned to respond to the many calls of the hours. She commands her hand maidens to offer to the people forces of conservation, education, healing and the spirit of play. These prove inadequate. America learns her big lesson. If she would endure, she must hold up the Christ, the light of the world."

L. A. L. Club.

Miss Eileen Rowan entertained the L. A. L. Club and its friends with a Valentine party Friday evening. The home was beautifully decorated in Valentine symbols, and forty-two and other diversions were enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Misses Alma Christian, Linnie Blewett, Inez and Bill Reeves, Annie Workman, Annie Rhine, Zoah Batts, Eula Mae Watts, Vallie Blankenship, Iris Brown, Messrs. Bill Hill, Ray Nobles, Ray Christian, Paul Ash, Marion Gibbon, W. M. Love, Bates Gentry, Roy C. Coffee, E. B. Brown, Alphonso Mann, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reeves and the hostess.

The Owl Club will give a forty-two tournament in the armory hall, Friday, February 29th. The proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. Music and refreshments will add to an evening of fun and enjoyment. Buy a ticket and come and enjoy it with us.

A cough is a warning that you need
SCOTT'S EMULSION

Cultivate the Banking Habit and GROW RICH.



—When you get money for your labor no matter what sort of work you do, put and keep a part of your earnings in the bank. This is the sure way to get ahead.

—We offer you the service and safety of our bank. Feel free to come in and consult us. We shall be glad to see you and make you feel at home.

The First National Bank

DECATUR - TEXAS

—Member Federal Reserve Bank—

Washington Party.

The Musicians' Club of Decatur entertained their friends with a Martha Washington party yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. A. Lillard, in North Decatur. Each member brought a guest, and one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was had. A musical program was given and delicious refreshments served to all the guests.

Plan Mah Jong Club.

The ancient Chinese game, which is sweeping the country, has taken hold in Decatur, and just as soon as a club will be organized.

Resolutions.

In order that the advertisements in the 1923-24 "Summit" of Decatur Baptist College might be a paying proposition for those making such an investment, we, the class of 1924, make the following resolutions:

Whereas, we, the class of 1924 of Decatur Baptist College, realizing and recognizing that the advertisements in the annual are necessary to its financial success, consider it a duty and a matter of class honor to try to make an investment therein a paying proposition for those who, in that manner indicate their good will to the class and school, therefore be it

Resolved, that we shall give every preference to those merchants who have subscribed, or will subscribe, for space in the annual.

Resolved, that a list of those merchants be posted in a conspicuous place.—T. Eugene Ball, president of class. H. P. Black, business manager of the annual.

Good show at Majestic tonight.

R. F. D. NO. 1.

What Franklin said many years ago is still true: "Beware of little extravagances. A small leak will sink a big ship."

Cupid is still at work in the hearts of boys and girls. More valentines passed thru the mails this year than ever before.

The first impression a stranger gets of a farm home as he approaches is from the appearance of the mail box. Is it neat and convenient to serve?

Everyone should boast with all his might for the school and the church in his community. Without these institutions, property would be worthless and life miserable.

Three red letter day in the month of February—Lincoln's birthday, St. Valentine's day and Washington's birthday—the last a holiday for the rural carriers. Thank you, Uncle Sam.

Hello to all the new Fords on route one. Eight have been bought within the last few months, and a number of second-hand ones, too. The car is a time saver, a booster for good roads and it brings town and country closer together. Autos and railroad trains are first mentioned in an old testament prophecy. Read Nahum 2, verses 3-4-5.—Outler D. Gose.

Call for mother's bread, made with milk, fresh every day. City Bakery.

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is a prescription prepared for
Cold, Fever and Grippe
It's the most speedy remedy we know
Preventing Pneumonia

T. L. BALL LEAVES FOR MORAN SOON

Thomas L. Ball will leave in a few days on a business trip to the Moran oil fields. The numerous friends of this splendid citizen, who was one of the organizers and officials of the Security State Bank, recently liquidated are insisting that he engage in business in Decatur and remain a citizen of the Delightful town. Tom has hundreds of the best friends in the world right here, in the town where he has been a prime mover in its betterment.

WRIGLEYS

After every meal

A pleasant and agreeable sweet and a l-a-s-i-i-n-g benefit as well.

Good for teeth, breath and digestion.

Makes the next cigar taste better.

Sealed in its Purity Package

WRIGLEYS
SPEARMINT
THE PERFECT GUM
MINT LEAF FLAVOR

Slippers for Spring

"THE LAST WORD IN LADIES' FOOTWEAR!"

A shipment of five hundred pairs of ladies' and misses' slippers arrived this week. Exactly forty styles to make your selection from. If it's style plus quality, you will certainly be at home here. Keep the habit of buying good, all-leather shoes and saving the repair bill. We would like to describe this wonderful shoe stock in full, but our local papers are not large enough—reasonably priced from \$3.50 to \$8.00

A New Shipment.

We are expecting a shipment of the new Airedale and Jack Rabbit Slippers. Come in and see them.

Extra Special for You

We have gone thru our stock of ladies' and misses' slippers and have selected all broken lots. When we say broken lots, we do not mean slippers that have been on our shelf for years. You will not find a slipper on the four counters that we offer for sale that is more than six months old. You will possibly not find just the size in just the style you desire, but we believe that it will justify you in looking them over—you might find just the slipper you desire.

TABLE NUMBER ONE

Seventy-five pairs, priced up to \$3.50, sale price...\$1.95

TABLE NUMBER TWO

Fifteen pairs, priced up to \$4.50, sale price...\$2.95

TABLE NUMBER THREE

Sixty pairs, priced up to \$5.50, sale price...\$3.95

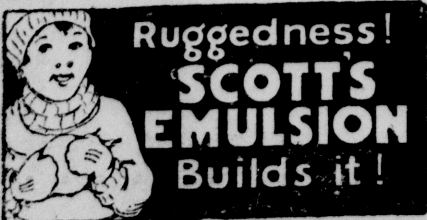
TABLE NUMBER FOUR

Fifty pairs, priced up to \$7.50, sale price...\$4.95

"EVERY PAIR BUILT FOR WEAR."

ASSOCIATED STORES

PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY



Ruggedness!
SCOTT'S EMULSION
Builds it!

ELECT NEW C. OF C. OFFICERS TUESDAY

The annual election of officers of the chamber of commerce was held at the regular meeting of the board of directors last Tuesday night, resulting in the unanimous re-election of the former staff, as follows:

President—W. A. Hughes.
Vice President—C. P. Dodson.
Secretary—Cliff D. Cates.
Treasurer—Ray F. Christian.

A vote of appreciation of services was recently given the officers by the board of directors.

The above officers and the following directors constitute the governing machinery of the chamber of commerce: W. P. Thurmond, T. L. Ball, J. A. Simmons, C. P. Dodson, J. J. Rieger, W. A. Helm, W. A. Hughes, Z. F. Lillard, F. M. Kenny, E. L. Brandenburg, J. E. Douglass, H. M. Buttrill.

At Tuesday night's meeting the difficult but insistent problem of securing adequate fire fighting facilities for the protection of the property interests of the town was discussed. As the matter stands, it is recognized the present apparatus is inadequate to cope with anything like a serious out-break of fire, likely to happen at any moment and destroy in property value many thousands more than the requisite apparatus would cost. Relief, however, can not be obtained thru the city government, since this has already reached the statute limit of bonding power. The special committee of the chamber of commerce consisting of J. E. Douglass, W. P. Thurmond and C. P. Dodson, was empowered and instructed to continue their search for a plan that in the end will secure to the town the fulfillment of this imminent need. It has been reckoned that adequate facilities would cost in the neighborhood of seven thousand dollars.

Secretary Cliff D. Cates announces that within the next ten days sessions of probably a dozen various committees will be called to deliberate on as many phases of work associated with the interests of the town and community. This action will result in the putting to work of something like two scores of people, all laboring in different but related spheres for the advancement of the community. It is requested that when called on, the various members of these committees will act promptly and with willing response to the demands made on their time and services.

RHOMÉ NEWS

Marvin Holt has purchased a new Ford coupe.

Frank Killough was here from Decatur Monday.

Dr. W. L. Russell was in Fort Worth on business last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Richardson were in Fort Worth on last Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Horton was Saturday guests of friends in Fort Worth.

Miss Loretta McGhee of Decatur Baptist College, was home last week-end.

Millard Horton has recently entered Decatur Baptist College as a student.

A. E. Butler of Aurora is residing in the house just vacated by Mr. Randolph.

Miss Maude Morris of Fort Worth was week-end guest of Miss Daisy Russell.

Professor John Sparks is teaching a most successful three weeks' music normal at Aurora.

Mrs. S. C. McKee is again at home after spending some time with relatives in Fort Worth.

Mrs. J. C. Douglas of Fort Worth spent last Thursday with relatives and friends in Rhomé.

Miss Ethel Horton, who is teaching school near Olney, is spending this week with homefolks.

Mrs. Gladys Douglas of Fort Worth was guest last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sparks.

Mmes. L. B. Barker and C. E. Shaw were guests of their sister, Mrs. M. Gregg of Decatur, on last Friday.

Paul and Brian NeSmith of Fort Worth were Sunday guests of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. NeSmith.

J. H. McGlothlin and family will now be found at home in the Douglas residence, having moved on last Monday.

Lon Randolph has purchased the Barton property in the west part of town, and is doing extensive repair work on the home.

Joel R. Chambers, newly elected assistant cashier of the First National Bank, entered upon his duties the 15th of this month.

Miss Edna Mae Knowles of Denton and Homer Knowles of Fort Worth, were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Knowles.

Mrs. John Day of Haslett, who died last week, was interred in the Aurora cemetery Sunday afternoon. Christian and Bobo, undertakers, were in charge of the funeral.

On this Friday evening, February 22nd, there will be given a Washington program in the high school auditorium by local talent. Mothers' Club will serve lunch immediately following the program.

Miss Kate Harris and Miss Gypsy aces left Sunday for Henrietta, their new home. Miss Gypsy has been one of our most efficient railroad operators for several years. We regret their leaving us.

DECATUR INDIANS SPLIT DOUBLE BILL

Decatur Baptist College basketball quintet lost a game and won a game last week-end. On Friday night they completely out-classed the Burleson College team from Greenville, winning by the decisive score of 47 to 19. The locals were able to pass the ball down the court almost at will, and they rung the basket with unswerving skill. Coach Penn Dickson sent his second-string men into the fray during the last few minutes of the first half, while in the second half he gave all of the "subs" a chance to show their stuff. The Burleson cagers appeared to have none of the pep and speed of the locals. They fumbled frequently and were unable to pitch fowls in any degree of accuracy. The crowd attending the game was rather slim, but the college rooters made themselves known by unusual yelling and cheering.

For the game of Saturday night there is a far different story. The strong Texas Military College team, which is one of the best in the junior college conference, managed to come out on the long end of a 26 to 18 score. The locals were seemingly being followed by a jinx, for their shots often rolled all over the basket without going thru. The T. M. C. bunch was fast, accurate at goal shooting and possessed unusual skill at passing. They worked the ball to their end of the court with swift passing, but numerous attempts at goals were frustrated by the timely work of Decatur guards. The local bunch displayed good passing work, but the proficiency of the visiting guards and the element of hard luck in the shooting of goals prevented them from running their end of the score higher. Both coaches sent in new men at frequent intervals, so the game was fast and peppy to the end. The town people attended the game in much greater numbers than on the preceding night, and all gave the best of support to the locals.

MASONS WILL GIVE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Following is program for a George Washington memorial service, to be held with Decatur Lodge No. 447, A. F. & A. M., on Saturday night, February 23rd, at seven-thirty o'clock at the Masonic temple.

Invocation—Brother W. Harrison Baker.

Quartet—Brothers H. P. Black, L. C. Black, L. C. Boyd and C. P. Nash. Address, "Equality Before Law." "Washington the Mason"—Brother C. C. Bock.

Song—Quartet. "For the Good of the Order"—Short talks by brethren present.

Song—Quartet. Invocation—Brother J. L. Ward.

HARLAN IS ASKING FOR SECOND TERM

John M. Harlan announces in this issue of the Messenger as a candidate for re-election to the office of county treasurer. Mr. Harlan is serving his first term and the record he has made is one of the best ever made by a treasurer in Wise county. He has been diligent and pains-taking in keeping his accounts, and his reports to the commissioners' court have been in first-class condition.

John is an affable gentleman, and he has many warm friends thruout the county. If the voters of the county believe he is entitled to a second term as treasurer, he promises to continue to do his best to attend to the duties of the office. He will appreciate your vote and influence.

KEYSTONE WELL IS BEING BAILED OUT

Interest in the Keystone section, southeast of town, has taken on new life since the Messrs. Jones from Dallas, said to be successful operators, have taken over the leases in that section and made arrangements to clean out the Keystone well and sink another test in the vicinity.

It is said that the Keystone, which has been all but abandoned for several months, was bailed one day last week, and what the Dallas parties saw was enough to encourage them to try for production in big paying quantities. Reports say a quantity of oil was bailed from the well.

Messenger learns that the Jones company will put down another well just as soon as machinery can be placed on the ground.

VALLEY VIEW BOY GOT APPOINTMENT

Robert Edwards Murrell of Valley View, twenty miles northeast of here, is one of the young men from Texas to receive appointment to West Point Military Academy. His appointment was secured thru the efforts of Guina Williams of Decatur, congressman from this district.

Young Murrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Murrell of Valley View and is a nephew of Jesse Murrell of Gainesville, former state representative from that district. He was born in Valley View on August 19th, 1905, and has lived there practically all of his life. He was graduated from the Valley View high school in May, 1923, being salutatorian and president of his class.

STORE OPENING IS UNUSUAL SUCCESS

The number of people attending the opening of the Sanitary Grocery of E. L. Brandenburg, on the north-west corner of the square, on last Saturday from ten a. m. to eleven p. m., is estimated at five thousand. It was decidedly the most attractive opening of a business in Decatur in many years. From the time the doors opened until late that night the store was thronged with people, and what they saw was pleasing to the eye, and ticklish to the appetite. The store room was beautifully decorated and the stock had a spick and span appearance. Music was furnished by the Home Brew orchestra thruout the occasion. Several wholesalers and manufacturers of products, handled exclusively by this store, had representatives present to give demonstrations of the products. Delicious sandwiches were served with hot coffee, and souvenirs were presented each visitor. Hundreds of compliments were expressed about the beautiful appearance of the store, and Mr. Brandenburg received many congratulations.

METHODIST CHURCH

Last Sunday was one of the best we have had so far. Large attendance at Sunday school and church. It is not often that one sees four adults converted and join the church in a regular service, as seen on last Sunday morning. There are others that we are expecting to join us at any time.

Next Sunday night we are going to unveil the "Old Rugged Cross." Faust Nobles will sing the song and you are due one of the best Sunday evening experiences you have ever had. The Cross belongs to all of christianity; on it our Saviour died; by the way of the Cross we find the entrance to the Kingdom. Come and bring your friends.

We are delighted with the fine reception the good people gave Jeff Smith, the blind boy. His offering was thirty-six dollars.—W. Harrison Baker, pastor.

COMPLETE SAFETY DEVICE THIS WEEK

The Pavillard safety railroad crossing device was finished on Tuesday by the mechanic, and in a few days the apparatus will be put on exhibition in Decatur. One of the best mechanics in Fort Worth was employed to make the device, and it is the claim of the inventor that when properly adjusted and exhibited here it will be acclaimed the safest and best signal ever offered to the railway companies.

Mr. Pavillard assisted the mechanic in making the machine in the Fort Worth shops. While the work was being done, a number of railroad men visited the shops and inspected the signal; and, according to a statement of Mr. Bryant, chief mechanic of the shops, all stated that the machine would do the work required of it.

An invitation will be extended to a number of prominent railroad men in the state and the members of the Texas Railroad Commission to visit Decatur and view the invention of Mr. Pavillard. Mr. Gueringer, chief engineer of the commission, after seeing a model of Pavillard's patent, stated the demands of the traveling public and the railroad companies had been met.

After a thoro test of the machine has been made, it will be put on the Meridian Highway crossing on the Denver track north of the city.

Notice

TO MY PATRONS!

I will sell the following for a short time at prices greatly reduced:

Tires and Tubes.

30x3 grey tube.....\$1.50
30x3½ grey tube.....\$1.75
30x3 red tube.....\$1.60
30x3½ red tube.....\$1.85
30x3 tires.....\$6.95
30x3½ tires.....\$7.50

Oriental Special Oil

One gallon.....65c
Five gallons.....\$2.50
I also have a good supply of parts and tube patch.

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FORMER RESIDENT SPEAKS IN COUNTY

Joe Rogers, an old Wise county boy, who has been away from the "old home county" for about twenty years, is back among our people, and he brings a message to the farmers of the county which, reports say, is receiving splendid receptions. Rogers is working in the interest of the Farm Bureau Cotton Growers' association, headquarters in Dallas, and one of the strongest organizations of its kind in the south. In the Texas division of the organization there are thirty-four hundred members, and it is said that these members realized on an average thirty-five dollars per bale on their 1923 cotton above what farmers not associated with the bureau received for their cotton. Mr. Rogers has delivered a number of speeches to crowds of farmers at several points in the county during the past week, and he intends to make other talks next week. Tuesday night he spoke at Joe Bailey school house, south of town, to a large crowd of farmers, and reports from the gathering say his remarks were received with enthusiasm. He says the plan of the bureau is the only safe and sane proposition for the growers of cotton. The cotton is sold directly to the spinners, cutting out the speculators and middle-men. The organization is controlled by farmers, and it is free from blighting influences of politicians. About sixty farmers in Wise county have joined the association since Mr. Rogers opened his campaign here. He speaks at Boyd tomorrow night.

BATTERY WILL BE RETAINED IN CITY

Secretary Cliff Cates and Captain Newton Taylor were in Austin first of the week on business with the adjutant general's department. A report had reached here that a move was on foot to disband the local battery of artillery and organize a battery at Wichita Falls to replace this one. Secretary Cates took the matter up with the adjutant general with the result that the battery will remain in Decatur.

About twelve thousand dollars is annually paid the members of the battery, and this money is all spent in Decatur.

\$5.00

48-lb sack Bob White flour.....\$1.75
10 pounds pure sugar.....1.00
2 cans No. 2 tomatoes......30
2 cans No. 2 corn......30
2 cans pink salmon......35
25-oz can K. C. baking powder....25
3 pounds good peaberry coffee....1.00
1 large package White Swan oats...30
4 bars P. & G. soap......25

Total.....\$5.50

You not only get this bill of groceries at a price in keeping with the times, but we go further and make a reduction in the price total. This ought to appeal to the man and woman who ask good groceries at a price below what they have been paying.

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New Spring Millinery

Entransingly Novel!

—Milady will be charmed with the unusual styles and fabrics in chic millinery that have come forth this spring. New chic models designed for the single bob, developed of straws or silk or combinations in up-to-the-minute styles. Also, the larger hats in a very wide variety of shapes and colors suitable for patrons of most every age.

—Everything that is new in Paris and New York styles may be found here—new flowers, new ribbons, new ornaments in profusion. Truly exclusive styles in models for every occasion—moderately priced.

—Miss Georgia Russell of St. Louis will be in charge and will be delighted to meet the people of Decatur and all Wise County.

BE SURE AND GIVE US A CALL—YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

LILLARD'S Mississippi Store

CHICO NEWS

(Review).

Miss Frances Jennings, who is attending Decatur Baptist College, visited her parents here Sunday.

A letter this week from Curtis Gill states that he is on the battleship Texas somewhere in the East Indies.

Dr. Wilkerson has resigned as vice president of the Chico State Bank and Dr. J. J. Blanton has been elected to that position.

Dallas Evans, attending Decatur Baptist College, visited in Chico last Sunday. Dallas is making good with the D. B. C. basketball team.

The Chico high school defeated the Joe Bailey high school at Decatur last Saturday afternoon by a score of 40 to 10 in basketball. Joe Bailey is champion of the rural schools.

Miss Kathleen Seales has accepted a position as stenographer with G. H. Golden Hardware Company in Iowa Park. Miss Seales was one of Chico's most popular young ladies, and her many friends here wish her much success in her new position.

S. D. Bray and wife came in Thursday from near Tampico, Mexico. Mr. Bray has lived in Mexico for some time, but the revolution got too warm and they concluded to get out until matters became more settled. He is a brother to Mrs. I. N. Garrett living west of Chico.

Dr. B. O. Wilkerson is arranging to move his family to Girard, Kent county, Texas, where they will make their home and where Dr. Wilkerson will practice medicine. Dr. Wilkerson has been a resident of Chico for the past twenty-two years and has been not only a good citizen, but a splendid physician as well.

J. A. Harnsberger, seventy years old, died at his home in Chico on Friday, February 8th. He was taken sick in the morning and died about four o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. J. T. Stanfield conducted the funeral services at the Presbyterian church on Saturday at three o'clock, and he was laid to rest in Chico cemetery in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends.

The Mothers' Club, assisted by the school, will give a program Friday night, February 22nd, 1924, at the high school auditorium. The first part of the program will be a patriotic schedule presented by students. The second part will be a play, presented by member of the Mothers' Club, entitled "Listen, Ladies." The proceeds will go to pay for records used in the music contest, this being one feature of the inter-scholastic league work.

BRUMLOW NEWS

Will all you other live communities mingle with us? We are ever ready to reach the glad hand to our "visiting brethren."

On Friday night, February 22nd, a short Washington's birthday program will be given, followed by the usual spelling match. We will also discuss the league of nations.

Many of the people of Brumlow are stirred up over the statement that we had lost the election for school tax, and many are hoping it is not lost beyond recovery. Brumlow is all right, and if she makes a mistake she will correct it at the first opportunity.

Brumlow has turned its attention largely to debating. The spelling match is continued with unremitting zeal, but the debate is preferred. On last Friday night the subject was "Resolved, that a man will go farther for money than for a woman." Some very beautiful pictures were drawn of the woman in the capacity of the sweetheart, wife and mother, but in the estimation of the young men judges, the dollar beat.

GREENWOOD NEWS

Burl Wilson was in Fort Worth Saturday on business.

Charlie Montgomery is doing jury service in Fort Worth.

Dee Dye and family of Fort Worth, visited relatives here this week.

Fred Milligan and J. E. Higgins were Fort Worth visitors Tuesday.

Aunt Julia Clifton is spending a few days with her son, Charlie, in the Splawn settlement.

G. W. Splawn and L. W. Still have returned from Glenrose, where they

Howdy, My Friends.

How about your junk? Bring it in; I buy it all. A few items I buy are iron, brass, copper, rags, bones, old cars and wrecked cars. Just like I say—I buy everything in the junk line.

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ECONOMICAL DURABLE
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BOYD NEWS

G. I. Taylor is on the sick list this week.

Otis Goodger, since his return from California, has been seriously ill.

G. A. Arrington of Decatur, was attending to business here Tuesday.

Mrs. H. L. Read of Henrietta, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. B. Fralin.

Mrs. George Fitzgerald of Frisco, is visiting her sister here, Mrs. E. Z. Simmons.

Mrs. E. D. Flowers and children are visiting in Wichita Falls and in Shamrock.

A large crowd attended our trades day Saturday, February 16th. Everyone reported an enjoyable time.

Mrs. T. A. McNeil, Miss Bonnie Otis and Mrs. A. B. Fralin have been visiting in Wichita Falls and Henrietta for several days.

We are advised from the chamber of commerce that there will be a car of fertilizer shipped to this place from W. M. Love, the county agent.

Miss Zorns began her economics class this week. They now have plenty of equipment for the work, and much good is expected from that cause.

The Boyd high school basketball boys went out to Keeter on Friday afternoon and played the school there a game. It was a good, clean game and enjoyed by all. The score was 26 to 13 in favor of Boyd.

The school board here has been discussing the proposition of a consolidation with Pleasant Grove. They have offered to furnish transportation to the children in that district should they decide to join with Boyd.

A petition has been handed to the school board, asking for an election to be called to see if we can raise the tax rate from fifty to seventy-five cents for school purposes. This step is necessary for the school to get state aid another year.

We received some letters from the eighth grade pupils of the Slidell school, and our students are having an interesting time answering them. Some of the letters were real educational and were a help, not only to the students receiving them, but gave new ideas to the teacher who happened to read them.

J. L. Tennant, together with the county superintendent, Mrs. Effie A. Price, called at our school last week and made a survey of the Boyd school building. Mr. Tennant is a professor in the State University, but at present is working in the interest of the state educational survey. They gave the school building a rating of seventy-five per cent efficient.

have been for some time.

Misses Lucille Pickett and Margie Lowance spent the week-end with Miss Pickett's parents near Decatur.

Mrs. Jesse Maley of Vernon, and Mrs. Al Maley of Wichita Falls, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Maley.

George Todd of Denton, died on Thursday, February 14th, and was brought here and buried on Friday. Many years ago he was a resident here.

Miss Caroline Chambers, the home demonstration agent, met Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. E. Higgins and organized the Ladies' Club with twenty-three members present. A demonstration in salad making, with the different dressings, was given. The club will meet on March 13th with Mrs. Grady Keown. The making of dress forms will be taken on that date.

ALVORD NEWS

(News).

Jake "Red" Covington is holding out from the Marlin baseball club. He is asking for a higher wage.

R. L. Farmer went to Fort Worth on Saturday night, taking a load of young people to see the game between Texas Christian University and the Baylor Bears. They report a nice time.

L. F. McConnell, superintendent of a construction company of Dallas, was here Wednesday looking over the burned district. He is anxious to take over the contract for building the entire block.

John A. Miller was in town last Wednesday on business. Recently his store was burned in Burkburnett, and as ill luck would have it, he had no insurance. He is now working on a good salary in Wichita Falls.

Let's forget—remember the success our street fair last year? Well, whoop 'em up, brother, and begin making preparations for a bigger one this year. You betcha life we are going to have a street fair this fall, and we are going to have it before the Dallas Fair. Some of Alvord's prize winners are going to be state prize winners. And I didn't say perhaps, either.

The American Legion held a mass meeting at the Methodist church on Monday night. Several of the legion boys from Decatur were present. We must not forget that the Home Brew Orchestra from Decatur was there and gave the audience some splendid music. Walter Minor, Terrell Lillard and Marion Gibbons made interesting talks. The main speech of the evening was delivered by Honorable Roy C. Coffee. Those not present missed a real treat in not hearing the various speeches and the orchestra. A rising vote was taken on the adjusted compensation or bonus bill, and if this vote is a proper indication of how Alvord stands on the question, it would carry with very little opposition here. If you are for the bonus, sign the petition at City Drug Store.

DRACO NEWS

Mrs. Lewis McClusky spent Sunday with Mrs. J. W. Read.

Beryl Patterson spent Saturday night with Allie Read.

D. C. Read made a business trip to Fort Worth last week.

George Matheson made a business trip to Fort Worth Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Stevens spent Sunday night with D. C. Read's family.

Miss Grace Fletcher spent Sunday with Miss Rena Belle Simpson.

Miss Ruth Patterson spent Friday night with Miss Veda Matheson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Kelley spent Sunday with J. D. Read's family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Read spent Sunday with W. O. Stevens' family.

James Hudson has been sick a week and is not able to attend school.

Miss Velma Matheson is staying with her sister, Mrs. Glenn Rieger, of Decatur.

Miss Alice Paterson spent Saturday night and Sunday with her uncle, G. T. Harris, of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meadows of Cottondale, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Stevens.

Ladies' gowns are ever a subject of intense interest, no matter how you look at it, there is always a good opening for comment.

LONE STAR NEWS

Mrs. Bowersack was in Wichita Falls last week.

Almus Dickerson has moved to Chico, to make his home.

Mrs. N. E. Barnett and son, Joe, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wallace.

Mrs. G. W. Tyson of Decatur, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wallace.

Ervine Thomas was taken very sick while at his Uncle Hugh Leslie's on Sunday, but we are hoping he will soon be up.

There was a good singing at this place Sunday, but there was not a large crowd on account of so much sickness in the community.

The average baby is so fond of its father that it sleeps during the day while he is busy so it can stay awake all night and enjoy his society.

If they get trunks from the elephant, chestnuts from the horse, iron from the pigs, cigarettes from the camel do they get pants from the dog and striped coats from the zebra?

Young lady who rolls them down from the top, explains that her knees became dusty so she turned the hose on them.

Sheriff's Sale.

The state of Texas, county of Wise. Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of a certain alias execution, issued out of the honorable county court of Stephens county, on the 21st day of January, 1924, by B. R. Grant, clerk of said court, for sum of six hundred forty-seven and 02/100 (\$647.02) dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of C. O. Paschall, in a certain cause in the said court, No. 1278 and styled C. O. Paschall vs. T. J. Slover, placed in my hands for service, I, W. M. Workman, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did on the 6th day of February, 1924, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Abstract No. 1249, 130 acres, W. A. Wasm, grantee; and Abstract No. 1227, 80 acres, N. W. Gardner, grantee, and levied upon as the property of T. J. Slover, and that on the first Tuesday in March, 1924, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the court house door, of and four p. m., by virtue of said levy Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and said alias execution, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said T. J. Slover.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county,

Witness my hand, this 6th day of February, 1924.—W. M. WORKMAN, sheriff, Wise county, Texas. By Geo. Gage, deputy. (Feb 8-22)

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:

S. F. Caraway, administrator of the estate of J. W. Benson, deceased, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said J. W. Benson, deceased, numbered No. 2047 on the probate docket of Wise county, together with an application for discharge from said administration.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days previous to the return hereof, in a newspaper printed in the county of Wise, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper to do so, on or before the April term, 1924 of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county, in the

city of Decatur on the first Monday in February, the same being the 7th day thereof, A. D. 1924, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the city of Decatur this 5th day of February, A. D. 1924.—JIM BELEW, clerk, county court, Wise county. By G. S. Blewett, deputy clerk. (Feb 8-22)

A pessimist is a man who wears both suspenders and a belt.

Nothing is improved by anger but the arch of a cat's back.

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Compressors vary from 150 to 1250 horsepower, and when a big battery of them, as at our Petrolia station, is in operation one gets an idea of the great volume of gas required to supply our system.

Those who think the method of obtaining gas is simply to couple a well into a pipeline would find a visit to a compressor station of interest.

They would learn of the number of times natural gas is handled in purifying it and delivering it to your homes in condition for satisfactory use.

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Buy Your Ford Now

WITH spring almost here thousands of families, anticipating the demand that is certain to exist for Ford Cars and Trucks are placing their orders for immediate delivery.

Sales now are far ahead of sales at this time last year. Advance orders calling for delivery under the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan have already reached a total of 255,758 Cars and Trucks.

The prospect of securing prompt delivery is daily becoming more uncertain. We cannot urge too strongly, therefore, the necessity for placing your order immediately, if you are planning to drive a Ford Car this spring.

See the nearest Authorized Ford Dealer

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Detroit, Michigan

It is not necessary to pay for your car in full in order to secure delivery. You can get on the preferred list for early delivery by making a small payment down. Or, if you wish, you can arrange for delivery under the terms of the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.

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Power

That strapping big new Overland engine has everybody talking. It is all sinew and power. It sends you zooming up the steepest climbs as nimbly as you please. This is Overland Power Demonstration week. Come in—take an Overland out and prove to yourself that it is the most automobile in the world for the money. Champion \$695; Sedan \$795, f. o. b. Toledo

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